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Illegal Drug Trade
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the large scale illegal trade of narcotic drugs in the country;

(b) the quantum of such drugs seized during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the same; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to take strict action against the persons involved in this illegal trade keeping in view the adverse impact of drugs on human beings and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): The Government has taken cognizance of drug trafficking and appropriate actions are taken under NDPS Act,1985.

(b): The total narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances seized during the last three years and current year are enclosed as Annexure-A.

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(c): Steps taken by the Government to prevent drug trafficking include intensive preventive and interdiction efforts along known drug routes, strict surveillance and enforcement at import and export points, increased international cooperation for exchange of information and investigative assistance in administering control over the movement of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances and Precursor Chemicals, training programmes for law enforcement officials for upgrading their skills to combating drug menace, sharing of real time information and coordination operation with Nodal agencies of neighbouring countries and empowerment of Border Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and Coast Guard under the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for making interdiction of narcotic drugs and to prevent smuggling of the same.

(d): There are adequate provisions in the NDPS Act, 1985. The crime of drug trafficking is non-bailable in nature. There are also the provisions of forfeiture of property of drug trafficker and his/her associates. Furthermore, there is capital punishment for repeated offenders.
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